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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

We respectfully submit herewith our response to the *Notification Of Defective Response*, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 10, 2003. A copy of the notice is submitted herewith.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. A Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) was mailed to the Applicants on June 13, 2001. A copy is enclosed herewith. The Notification required Applicants to submit a signed Oath or Declaration.

2. A response to the June 13, 2001 Notification was filed on July 31, 2001, submitting an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney. A copy of the stamped return postcard is included herewith.

3. A Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 was mailed on August 21, 2001 indicating July 31, 2001 as the date of receipt of all 35 U.S.C. requirements.

4. A Withdrawal of Previously Sent Notice was mailed on March 10, 2003 and also included a Notification of Defective Response to the June 13, 2001 Notification. The March 10, 2003 Notification indicated that Applicants are required to submit a computer readable form (CRF) of the sequence listing. As well as an amendment directing its entry into the specification.

Applicants maintain that the Notification of Defective Response mailed March 10, 2003 is improper since the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed June 13, 2001 did not request a Sequence Listing. Nonetheless, submitted herewith is a CRF of the sequence listing and an amendment directing its entry into the specification as well as a statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.821 (g)

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